Volleyball prepares for Classic

Volleyball to get break from MIAA play at tournament by BRIEN FOSTER

The Bulldogs are getting a much-needed rest from the rigors of the MIAA schedule, as they prepare for the Lady Blues Fall Classic in Topeka, Kan.

Head coach Jason Skoch said the team will use the break to rest and work on some key areas.

“We have our own challenges, and it first looking at ‘off close.’ Block control isn’t where we want it to be and it’s really an issue for us,” he said.

Last season the Bulldogs went 1-4 in the MIAA tournament, falling to Central Missouri State in the quarterfinals.

“We have a match this weekend where we really need to focus on offense,” Skoch said.

Until that time, the Bulldogs have only played a couple of games against regional competition in the classic earlier this season.

Although the Bulldogs might play regional opponents in the tournament, the players know they have to play well to advance to the regional tournament.

“Now that the regional teams have played, we have to focus on what we need to do to win,” Skoch said.

Junior right side hitter Lauren Medina said the team has been practicing for the tournament for the past couple of weeks.

“We have been perfecting our offense and blocking,” Medina said.

Medina paced the ‘Dogs with 13 kills while posting a .359 hitting percentage in the tournament. The Bulldog’s 13-5 record is the best in MIAA history.

Skoch said the ‘Dogs need to work on their consistency and getting more out of their players.

“We need to make sure we are able to get good games out of our players,” he said.

Volleyball team

Men’s Soccer: Beil to sit out Wednesday

The ‘Dogs fall to No. 11 in the Sept. 15 poll and they continue to struggle in the region.

For the first time since Truman moved to the Heartland Conference, the team is ranked outside of the region.

Head coach Jason Skoch said the team has struggled to get on track.

“We have a lot of work to do to get back to where we were last season,” he said.

Skoch said the team needs to work on its defensive habits and scoring.

“For us to be successful, we need to be able to score more goals,” he said.

Junior right side hitter Heather Graybeal gave up five for a block against Washburn on Sat.

“Overall, we played well,” Graybeal said.

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